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U.S. Supporting English Language Training for Zervany Officers

ERBIL – In a ceremony today at the Hiwa Language School, American Regional Reconstruction Team's (RRT) in Erbil Assistant Regional Security Officer Mr. Douglas Patrick awarded certificates of completion to the Zervany security officers participating in a U.S. government-funded English language training program for six months.

The Commanding General of the Guarding Peshmerga, Major General Aziz Waysi, and a delegation from RRT Erbil, were also present to congratulate the Zervany on their completion of their English course.

The English language program represents one of the many initiatives to provide new skills to the Zervany, and will further enhance the security coordination between the American and Iraqi Kurd security teams. "The U.S. is proud to support the Zervany English language program, and their increased skills will enhance their integration with our security structure. The Zervany officers help us to maintain the highest level of safety and protection for our American officials living and working in the Iraqi Kurdistan Region," said Mr. Dale Prince, Spokesman for the Regional Reconstruction Team in Erbil.

The Regional Security Office at the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad provided a \$25,000 grant to implementing partners at the Hiwa Language School for language training for the seventy (70) Zervany security professionals to receive language training over a six month period.

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